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2 Juveniles and a Crime Spree – Argument with Parent leads to Arrest

The arrest of a 16-year-old male on July 22, 2014, in the 3600 block of Jester Circle, Prescott Valley, led to solving a series of crimes and also resulted in the arrest of another 16-year-old male who was involved. Based on follow-up interviews with the suspects, YCSO deputies and Prescott Police detectives were able to obtain background information on the activities regarding this crime spree. Both suspects were booked at the Prescott Juvenile Detention Center.

Background on criminal activity - In May of this year, the two 16-year-old suspects stole two bicycles from a home in the Wildwood Estates located off Irons Springs Road, Prescott. The suspects then burglarized a home nearby stealing a tent and what they thought was a marijuana plant. The suspects rode the stolen bikes to nearby Camp Yavapines and attempted to steal a golf cart, but could not get it to run. They eventually abandoned the cart by rolling it down a hill with both stolen bikes inside. A short distance away at a home in the 3000 block of Iron Springs Road, the suspects stole 2 Polaris brand quads, both parked with keys in the ignition. The suspects hid one of the quads and rode off with the other. The hidden quad was discovered on May 21, 2014, in a ditch and returned to the owner.

As part of this crime series, it was also discovered the suspects vandalized several buildings at Camp Yavapines. Additionally, both shoplifted items from the Walmart on Gail Gardner Way, Prescott.

The arrest and follow-up - On July 22, 2014, deputies were called to a park near Jester Circle in Prescott Valley by the mother of one of the suspects. She had questioned her son regarding the quad he had been riding and contacted his probation officer. This upset her son who was still home at the time. When deputies attempted to contact her son at home, he fled on the quad, and ran a couple of stop signs before deputies were able to stop him. He initially resisted arrest, but was taken into custody. The deputy recognized the quad from his prior investigation and confirmed it was stolen from the home on Iron Springs Road in May. At this point, the suspect also identified his crime partner and confessed to the additional thefts and vandalisms in the Prescott area. The 2nd suspect was arrested the following day.

Both the Prescott Police Department and Sheriff's Office continue their investigation into these crimes.

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